GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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FINANCIAL CRISIS TO A.S.I.
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India is facing financial problems for maintaining the existing monuments as well as for recently included monuments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated to A.S.I. during each of the last three years, and the current year; and

(c) the measures adopted to generate additional financial resources ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) The funds made available to the A.S.I. are not commensurate with its multifarious activities and responsibilities.

The allocation of funds for maintenance, conservation, preservation and environmental developments declared protected under Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958 during the last three years is as under:-

1997-98 - Rs. 6465.90 Lakhs
1998-99 - Rs. 7440.99 Lakhs
1999-2000 - Rs. 8988.64 Lakhs

The allocation for the current financial year is Rs. 10,087.50 Lakhs.

The allocation made are utilised for maintenance, conservation and development or protected monuments.

c) Various agencies such as UNESCO, State Governments and its autonomous bodies have given funds for the development of specific monuments. Funds have also been received from Corporate Sector for this purpose through the National Culture Fund.